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Report: Peter Jackson's jet joins search for missing MH370

WELLINGTON (AFP) - The personal jet of Oscar-winning movie director Peter Jackson was reported to have been called into assist with the search for the missing Malaysian airliner.

Australian authorities coordinating the search for Flight MH370 which disappeared on March 8 with 239 people on board said a civilian jet was being used to assist military aircraft scouring the Indian Ocean for any signs of the Boeing 777.

After initially denying it was Jackson's jet, a spokesman for the New Zealand movie director later confirmed it was his aircraft that had been chartered to Australian authorities, the New Zealand Herald reported.

Radio New Zealand said Jackson, who directed the "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" movies, had personally

approved the use of his Gulfstream G650 in the search.

The jet was not donated to help in the search effort, rather the company which operated the jet had accepted a charter offer, the report said.

Gulfstream describes the G650 on its website as an "ultra-high-speed, ultra-long-range business jet" and the "flagship of the Gulfstream fleet".

Meanwhile, Malaysia's authoritarian government, which has been under harsh global scrutiny over the handling of its missing-plane drama, said yesterday it would compile "false" media reports over the crisis and consider filing lawsuits.

Transport and Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said on his Twitter feed the country's attorney general had been instructed to

"compile evidence and advise" on possible legal action.

Earlier in the day Hishammuddin was quoted by the Malay Mail newspaper as saying: "We have been compiling all the false reports since day one. When the time is right, the government should sue them."

The MH370 saga and resulting world attention has put Malaysia's long-ruling government -- which muzzles its own pliant mainstream press -- in the unaccustomed position of having to answer tough questions from reporters.

Hishammuddin, who has run the government's near-daily briefings on the situation, has repeatedly denied various anonymously-sourced reports revealing details of Malaysia's investigation into the March 8 disappearance of MH370 with 239 people aboard.

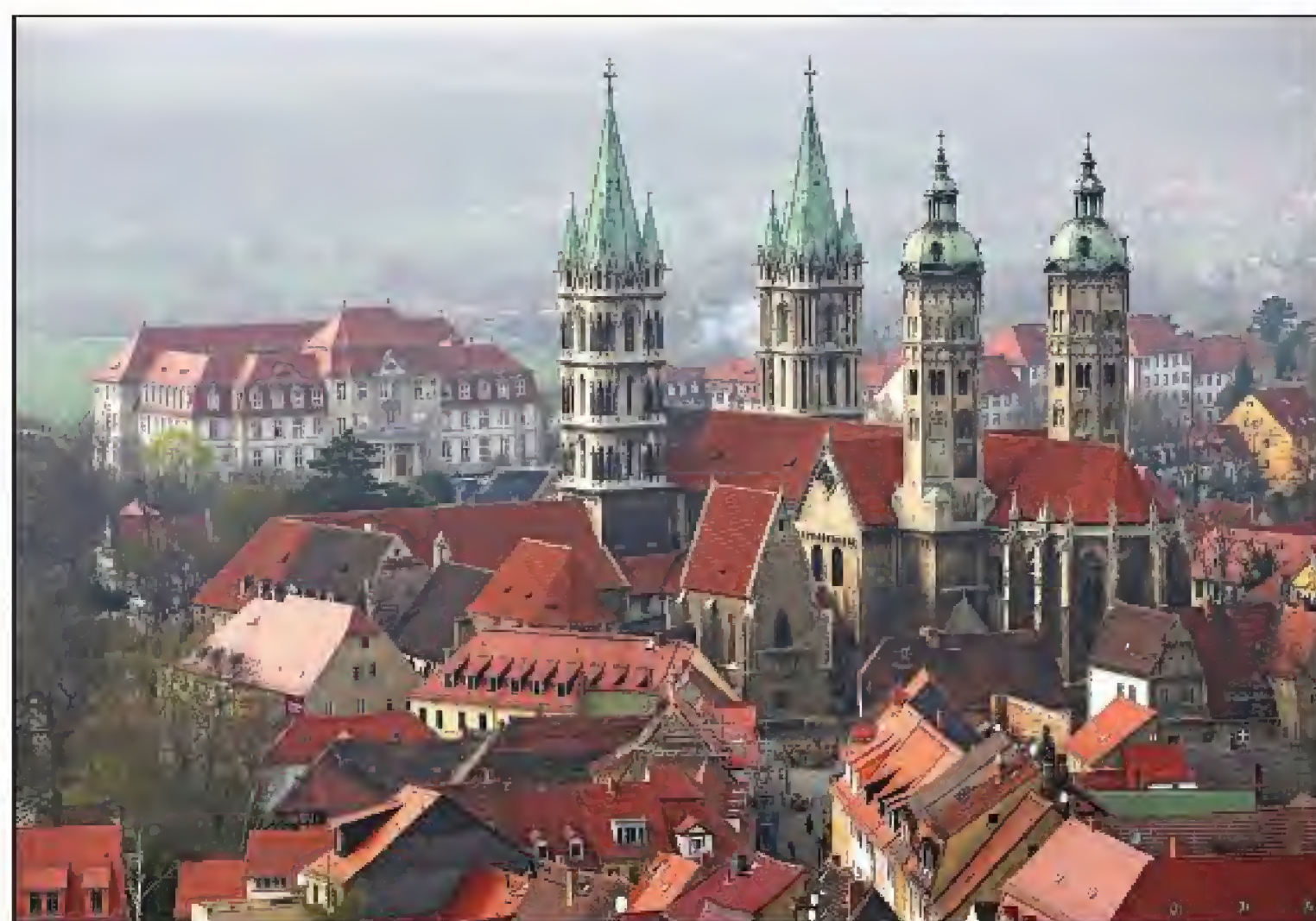
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NAUMBURG : AFP photo gives a view of the St Peter and Paul's Cathedral, one of the main sights of the medieval town Naumburg an der Saale, eastern Germany, taken on March 31, 2014. The town, that is 1000 years old and that is famous for its vineyards, applied for an entry on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

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New flag for first King's Day



THE NETHERLANDS -- A special flag has been made for the first King's Day in The Netherlands.

The design is based around the flag that was made for the coronation last year.

The flag depicts a profile of the King in orange, with

the text 'koningsdag' next to it, and the Dutch flag in the background.

King's Day will be held on the 26th of April this year, because the birthday of King Willem-Alexander will fall on a Sunday on the 27th of April.

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'Viewing Event' of TEDx Binnenhof 2014 in Aruba was inspiring

Aruba Police Force working closely with commerce



ORANJESTAD -- In the grand room at the Cas di Cultura last Monday morning, there was an air of positivism, innovation and motivation during the "Viewing Event" held. This was the event held on the occasion of the 2014 TEDx Binnenhof. The Prime Minister of Aruba was one of the speakers.

Local experts on the field of education and innovation delivered information on various interesting topics.

Public and private officials, leaders of various sectors and industry came

together with other scholars to hear from Ryan Oduber and Luis Huertas about the functioning of ALDEA. Professor Dr. Ryan Peterson and Dr. Glenn Thode placed emphasis on the important role that common conscience and education have in national development.

Ricky Hoek, Director of the 'Asociacion di Trabou pa Hubentud Aruba,' indicated how easy it is to work sustainably and durably on all projects from the point of view of education, agriculture, architecture and art, and how you

can combine them to reach a durable solution. In 20 to 25 years today's generation and that of the future will be able to live better lives.

Hoek also expressed: "As Arubans we have the possibility and the keys in our own hands to create a happy Aruba tomorrow."

Diahne Lejuez-de Cuba, a Pedagogical specialist at the IPA expressed her satisfaction with what she heard during the morning session. She indicated that more and more we are uniting in making our dream a reality - the dream of developing sustainability and the important role that education plays in this.

To have been part of this opportunity as an Aruban among such prestigious speakers, according to Lejuez-de Cuba, is something unprecedented. This makes me very proud"

For those who wish to see the entire presentation at TEDx Binnenhof, go to Face book, or to Mike Eman on YouTube.



ORANJESTAD -- Since last year, 2013, the Aruba Police Chief, Adolfo "Dolfi" Richardson, decided that in order to provide optimum service and security on Aruba, it is imperative to have good communication with all interest groups and partners from the commercial sector.

Consequently, they decided to incorporate the following groups into the management plan of the Police force. This will result in a structure for holding regular meetings with AHATA, ATIA, Aruba Bankers Association and Mambo, the main street merchants association.

According to Rocco Tjon, head of the staff of the Police Chief, these meetings will be held at different times per year where the Police will supply information to these partners on what is taking place and what the trends are with respect to criminality. One of the important elements of these meetings, according to Tjon, is the tips that the Police Force give to these organizations that contributes to the prevention of certain incidents and crimes in general.



Jim Hepple

The most recent meeting held took place last week. All sectors were present for his meeting. AHATA Director and Aruba Hospitality and Security Foundation (AH&SF) representative, Jim Hepple expressed to be happy how the process is developing. These dialogues where both sides can share information and receive answers on their questions is very good.

The Police Force is working on different solutions regarding the concerns presented during the encounter with the partners of the community.



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Green 's Cool Symposium to take place next week; Focus: Sustainable Food Practices

ORANJESTAD -- The third and most extensive Green 's 'Cool Symposium is scheduled to begin at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad next Monday, April 7. The award-winning program established by the Aruba National Library (BNA) targets the next generation, with programs for secondary school students that educate them regarding their active participation in a sustainable Aruba.

This year, the BNA is partnering with Aruba's national water and power providers, WEB N.V., the Innovation Bureau and the Santa Rosa Center of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries for a program focused specif-



Asja Dongen of WEB, Suzy Maduro of SETAR and Nahalie Maduro of Santa Rosa

ically on households growing their own consumable crops, for sustainable food supplies.

The Santa Rosa Center regularly conducts seminars for adults interested in agriculture and raising livestock, with a particular policy of teaching the latest technology that promotes soil preserva-

tion, a greater yield and a better end result in the produce.

These many techniques, which can be deployed by island households that wish to maintain gardens of consumable fruits and vegetables, will be the topics of the five days of lectures for island youth. WEB N.V. will be providing information of the use of recycled household waste water, and understanding how to properly deploy such elements as black, grey and filtered recycled water, safely and efficiently.

Nineteen schools will be attending morning sessions at the Cas di Cultura all through the week. They are Filomena College, La Salle College, IPA teacher training institute, Juliana School, Mon Plaisier MAVO, Maria College Juliana Dependence, Schakel College, Politie opleiding Instituut, Colegio San Nicolas, International School of Aruba, Ibero American High School, Abraham de Veer, EPB, Hato, San Nicolas and



BNA Director Astrid Britten and GreensCool organizer Ronny Alders



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Logo of Green Cool Symposium and partners

Santa Cruz and the EPI Science and Technology, Hospitality and Tourism, and Health Service faculties.

On Monday evening, an information evening for adults and the official opening of the Green 's 'Cool Symposium will be conducted from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, with

Prime Minister Mike Eman doing the honors. All are invited to sit in and learn about this innovative program, which conducts events throughout the year.

For updates and information visit their Facebook page, or their website www.greenscool.org

Surfing swimsuit issue 'From Aruba With Love' hit newsstands



SAN CLEMENTE, California – The 2014 edition of SURFING Magazine's yearly Swimsuit Issue, "From Aruba With Love," recently hit the newsstands.

The highly anticipated stand-alone issue, now in its fifth year, is always a welcome annual departure from SURFING's monthly tales of modern surfing culture.

Shot entirely on location in scenic Aruba by notable fashion photographer Jason Lee Parry, it offers visual enticement for the men and useful information, interviews and a shopping guide to the season's hottest swimwear for the ladies.

Cas Animal Cont'd Foundation adoptees happy in their new homes

ORANJESTAD -- The Cas Animal Foundation of Aruba is dedicated to rescuing abandoned and abused dogs off-island streets, ideally to be placed in a good home. No matter how badly injured or weakened by disease, Cas Animal founder, Kirsten Arndt, has discovered hundreds of times over that with proper medical care, they can be rehabilitated to be a wonderful friend to a loving person. Often, their afflictions are only superficial, but rendering them unattractive, which is no reason, in Kirsten's opinion, to deprive them of a happy life and the chance to be a loyal, loving companion. Kirsten also maintains an animal ambulance, and can be contacted to report a dog in distress at any time.

A driving goal, at present, is to build Aruba's first no-kill animal shelter, but the primary purpose of the foundation, aside from providing a home for the unwanted, is to place the rescued dogs in loving homes. Cas Animal tries to follow up on these adopted dogs whenever possible.

June and Frank Stolp of Canada, who winter on Aruba, are strong supporters

of the cause, having adopted two dogs, and now seeking a home for a third puppy that showed up on their door one day. Their unique story began when they met Kirsten, and requested to adopt for the few months of their Aruban stay, an older dog that was calmer and did not require quite the work of a young pup. They took in the sanctuary's oldest adoptee to date, a ten year old stray, and named him Max. Naturally, when the time came to return to Canada, they couldn't part with their beloved companion, and Max returned with them to their home country. For the last three years he has traveled back and forth with them from Canada to Aruba.

Last year, they took in a companion for Max, a lively shelter puppy they named Buster, who has grown into a sweet, handsome dog and excellent watchdog. He is also a "snowbird," spending the winters on Aruba.

This year, their hearts went out to a puppy wandering about their neighborhood, and "Lucky" has joined the clan. An important part of being a responsible owner is acknowledging the limits of your time



Kiki with Frank and June, Max, Lucky and Buster

and finances in keeping dogs, and though they will return to Canada with all three, the Stolp's are a bit unsure about Lucky as a long term member of the household. Admittedly, Max is getting rather old, and the three dogs get along famously, but if someone is



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Vargas Llosa to visit Venezuela to back anti-Maduro groups

CARACAS -- The Peruvian Nobel Prize winning author, Mario Vargas Llosa, has said that he will travel to Venezuela to lend his support to opposition groups.

Mr Vargas Llosa accused President Nicolas Maduro of trying to install a "Cuban-inspired dictatorship" in Venezuela. He said that all Latin American countries would be under threat if Mr Maduro succeeded.

At least 39 people have been killed in nearly three months of protests. The victims come from both sides of the political divide, with hundreds of thousands of people also taking to the streets to support the government.

The unrest began in western Venezuela on 4 February and grew into a nationwide movement denouncing the economic crisis, high inflation, crime and police brutality.

Vargas Llosa said he was going to travel to Venezuela on 15 April to attend a conference organised by an opposition think-tank, Cedice.

willing to adopt Lucky, they are receptive. They departed for Canada yesterday, living near Toronto, and if any returning Canadians are interested in giving a home to this loving companion, they can be contacted at e-mail jaysjvs@yahoo.ca

Aruba says 'thank you' Earth Hour' for the third consecutive year

Faithfull friends honored at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino

Divi Village



Recently, ATA representative Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure in honoring two loyal vacationing couples as Goodwill Am-

bassadors of Aruba.

The honorees are Alan and Diane Daily from New York and John and Janice Lanpher from Massachusetts and have been coming here for more than 20 consecutive

Photo shows the honorees proudly showing off their certificates together with Gloria from Divi Village.

ORANJESTAD -- This is the third consecutive year that Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino contributes to 'Earth Hour' which is an worldwide event organized once a year by World Wide Fund of Nature (WWF). The goal of this event is to encourage households and businesses to take action on climate change and global movement by turning off lights for one hour. Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino also joined in this event and contributed to the 'Earth Hour' 2014.

Last Saturday from 8:30pm till 9:30pm Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino turned off the lights of the parking lot in front of the government offices, all common light poles, parts of the Renaissance Marina Hotel façade, Renaissance Marketplace exterior lights, Renaissance Mall exterior lights, Seaport Casino exterior lights and signs and also the Crystal Casino tower.

"Renaissance Aruba Resort constantly supports activities that create awareness on importance of protecting our environment. This year our community has shown



much more interest in the 'Earth Hour' and we are very happy to have been able to turn off the main lights of our resort and the area around our

premises to contribute to this important cause," this according to marketing executives of the company; Zugheila Lindeborg.

DAO informs on changes of its retribution and fee decree

ORANJESTAD -- With the introduction of the 2013 Labor Ordinance as well as the law on temporary labor the DAO deemed it necessary to make certain changes in its retribution and fee decree.

As of April 1st, 2014, the new retribution and fee decree has come into force. The decree regulates the new tariffs for all administrative expenses when filing a petition for a broadcasting license as well as for a petition for withdrawing one.

When applying for a broadcasting license, Dao will charge Afls. 250. This amount is for administrative expenses to start with the process. Dao will charge Afls. 2,250 upon granting the license. The license is valid for three years.

The tariff for withdrawing a broadcasting license has also changed. The fee is Afls. 250 and will be used for administration expenses to begin with the withdrawing process.

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GM hires lawyer to study payment to ignition victims

WASHINGTON (AFP) - General Motors said yesterday it had hired a lawyer who handled September 11 victim compensation to study how it should address victims of accidents tied to faulty ignitions in its cars.

GM chief executive Mary Barra said Kenneth Feinberg, who has also dealt with compensation in the BP oil spill and Boston marathon bombing, would "explore and evaluate options" for its response.

The US car giant has acknowledged more than 30 accidents in which safety airbags did not deploy, apparently because of the ignition problem, and 13 deaths.

The independent Center

for Auto Safety says it has tracked 303 accidents in which GM cars were involved and in which the airbags did not inflate.

The company is under federal investigation for not having acted on the ignition problem until last month, despite knowing of the risks involved for a decade or more.

Since February, the automaker has recalled 2.4 million cars to fix the problem.

GM is also facing lawsuits in the case, though analysts say that its 2008 bankruptcy and restructuring in government hands erased its liability for past problems.

"Mr. Feinberg is highly qualified, and is very experi-

enced in the handling of matters such as this," GM chief executive Mary Barra said.

"He brings expertise and objectivity to this effort, and will help us evaluate the situation and recommend the best path forward."

Feinberg, of the Washington law firm of Feinberg Rozen LLP, is an specialist in victim claims and payouts, with experience in a number of medical liability lawsuits as well as civil disasters.

Barra announced the recruitment of Feinberg during a congressional hearing where she faced tough questions about GM's handling of the ignitions problem.



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Colombian press sends newsprint to Venezuelan newspapers

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombian newspapers said yesterday they are sending 52 tons of newsprint to independent newspapers in Venezuela so they can keep publishing.

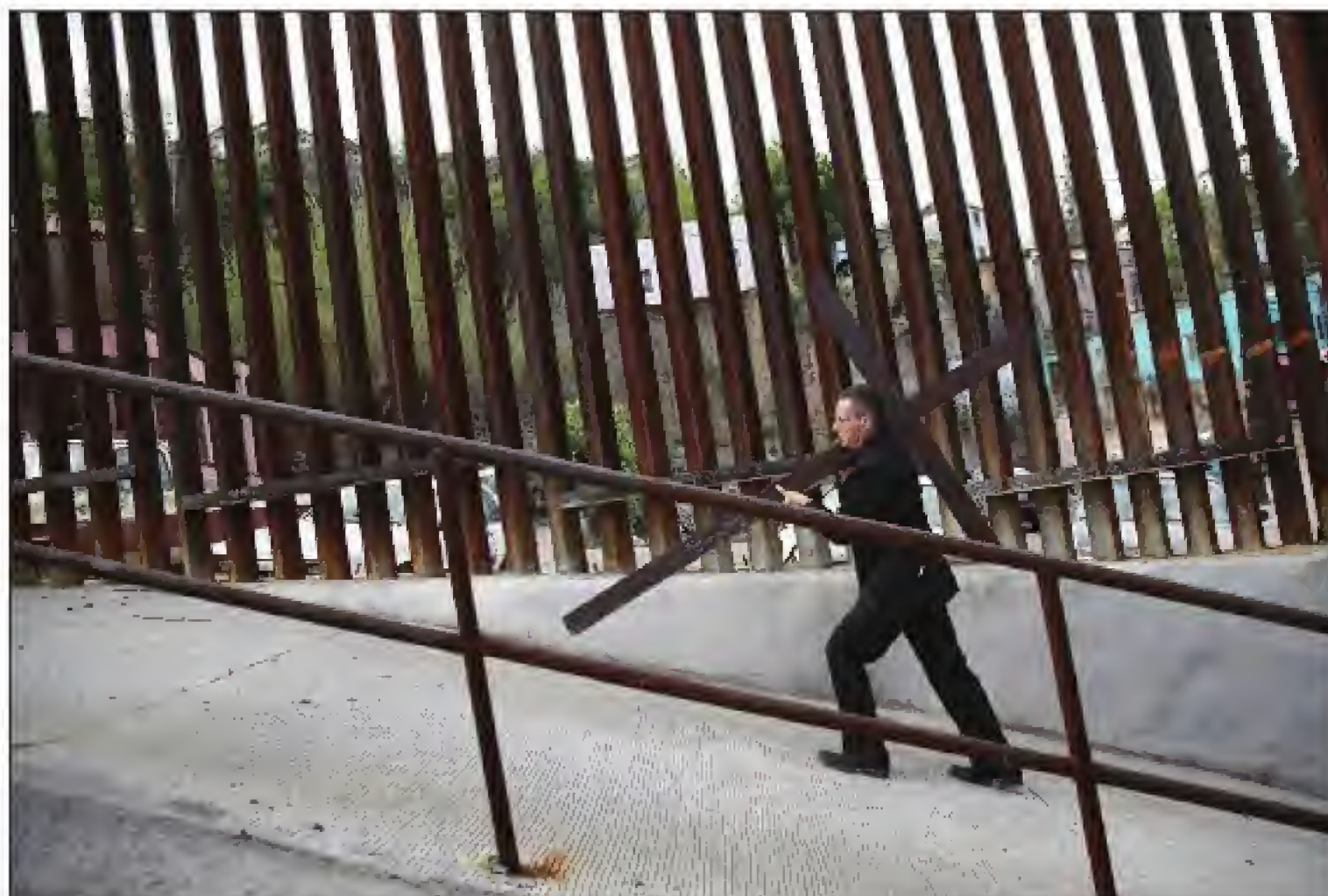
The newsprint which is being shipped from the Colombian port of Cartagena will go to El Nacional, El Impulso and El Nuevo Pais.

Those newspapers say they are at risk of closing because the government of President Nicolas Maduro will not make sufficient hard currency available to resupply their dwindling newsprint stocks.

The shipment was arranged by the Colombian Association of Newspaper and News Media Editors.

"It is not enough to express solidarity with them and rejection of the measures that restrict freedom of the press and the right to information. We have to act," the association's executive director Nora Sanin said.

At least a dozen newspapers have stopped circulating or have reduced page numbers because of the government's delays in making available dollars needed to import newsprint.



NOGALES-- Rev. Sean Carroll carries a cross to place against the U.S.-Mexico border fence before a special 'Mass on the Border' on April 1, 2014 in Nogales, Arizona. Catholic bishops led by the Archbishop of Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley held the Mass at the border fence to pray for comprehensive immigration reform and for those who have died along the border. (AFP PHOTO)

Coalition wants US to end bulk data sweep

WASHINGTON (AFP) - More than 40 activist organizations and companies called yesterday for an overhaul of US government surveillance authority that goes beyond President Barack Obama's proposal.

The coalition said Obama's proposal to end bulk collection of telephone data by the National Security Agency is positive, but does not go far enough.

Evacuations as Peru volcano rumbles to life

LIMA (AFP) - A volcano in Peru that has not blown its top in four decades spewed more ash skyward yesterday, after authorities evacuated villagers to avoid Ubinas's wrath.

The volcano in southwestern Peru blasted back to life causing about 60 villagers from Querapi, near its base, to be relocated Saturday, Ubinas town mayor Pascual Coaquira said.

"We are readying a shelter for refugees from the blasts," he added yesterday, noting

that the whole Moquegua region was on alert.

"The volcano has been emitting a lot of ash all day, the people in the town (of Ubinas) are having some problems breathing, the mayor added. They have been given masks, he said.

Peru's geological and mining agency (Ingemmet) said lava had been building up in recent weeks, and warned locals they should prepare for the possibility of more evacuations.



WASHINGTON -- AFP photo shows US President Barack Obama accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden as he delivers a statement on the Affordable Care Act at the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, DC, on April 1, 2014. President Barack Obama yesterday cheered seven million people who signed up for insurance under his health care law, and lashed out at political foes who he said were bent on denying care to Americans. "Yes, at times, this reform has been contentious and confusing and obviously it's had its share of critics," Obama told a crowd in the White House Rose Garden. "That's part of what change looks like in a democracy. Change is hard. Fixing what is broken is hard. But this law is doing what it is supposed to do. It's working," Obama said, celebrating the fact that the White House met its seven million sign-up target for the law, despite a disastrous launch of the Healthcare.gov website.

Obamacare sign-ups hit seven million target: W.House

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House said Tuesday it had reached its target of signing up seven million people to new insurance plans under President Barack Obama's health care law.

Spokesman Jay Carney said more than 200,000 people signed up on Monday on a federal website, and the number was expected to rise as data came in from the states.

The scramble to sign up for insurance plans at the end of a six-month enrollment window caused website glitches and long lines at on-the-spot enrollment centers.

Officials said a problem with the Healthcare.gov website stopped people from establishing new accounts several times.

But Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius nevertheless hailed the "huge surge day" in an interview with HuffPost Live.

It will be months, however, before the long-term success of Obamacare in broadening access and making medical insurance affordable can be assessed, and the law remains a political albatross for the president and fellow Democrats.

The law demands that all Americans have health insurance or pay a fine, but offers subsidies for the less well-off to sign up.

Republicans have renewed a vow to repeal the law, which they say costs jobs, handcuffs small businesses and represents a government power grab in the private health care market.

President Barack Obama later cheered the more than seven million people who signed up for insurance under his health care law, and lashed out at political foes who he said were bent on denying care to Americans.

NATO suspends military, civilian cooperation with Russia

Statement by NATO Foreign Ministers

1- We, the Foreign Ministers of NATO, are united in our condemnation of Russia's illegal military intervention in Ukraine and Russia's violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We do not recognize Russia's illegal and illegitimate attempt to annex Crimea. We urge Russia to take immediate steps, as set out in the statement by the NATO-Ukraine Commission, to return to compliance with international law and its international obligations and responsibilities, and to engage immediately in a genuine dialogue towards a political and diplomatic solution that respects international law and Ukraine's internationally recognized borders. We support the deployment of an OSCE monitoring mission to Ukraine.

2- Our goal of a Euro-Atlantic region whole, free, and at peace has not changed, but has been fundamentally challenged by Russia. We support the sovereignty, political independence, and territorial integrity of all states within their internationally recognised borders. An independent, sovereign, and stable Ukraine, firmly committed to democracy and respect for human rights, minorities, and the rule of law, is key to Euro-Atlantic security.

3- In order to demonstrate our commitment to Ukraine, we will intensify our cooperation in the framework of our Distinctive Partnership. Today NATO and Ukraine have agreed, as set out in the statement by the NATO-Ukraine Commission, to implement immediate and longer-term measures in order to strengthen Ukraine's ability to provide for its own security.

4- We have also today agreed a package of measures aimed at deepening our cooperation with other NATO partners in Eastern Europe, in consultation with them and within our existing bilateral programmes.

5- Over the past twenty years, NATO has consistently worked for closer cooperation and trust with Russia. However, Russia has violated international law and has acted in contradiction with the principles and commitments in the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council Basic Document, the NATO-Russia Founding Act, and the Rome Declaration. It has gravely breached the trust upon which our cooperation must be based.

6- We have decided to suspend all practical civilian and military cooperation between NATO and Russia. Our political dialogue in the NATO-Russia Council can continue, as necessary, at the Ambassadorial level and above, to allow us to exchange views, first and foremost on this crisis. We will review NATO's relations with Russia at our next meeting in June.

7- As stated by our Heads of State and Government at the Chicago Summit in 2012, NATO is based on solidarity, Alliance cohesion, and the indivisibility of our security. In the current situation, the Alliance has already taken steps to demonstrate solidarity and strengthen its ability to anticipate and respond quickly to any challenges to Alliance security. We will continue to provide appropriate reinforcement and visible assurance of NATO's cohesion and commitment to deterrence and collective defence against any threat of aggression to the Alliance.

NATO HQ (press release)



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Migrants detained in Greece face 'devastating' conditions

ATHENS (AFP) - Migrants detained in Greece face inhuman conditions that are having "devastating" consequences on their health, Medecins sans Frontieres warned on Tuesday, demanding that the Greek government and EU stop turning a blind eye to the situation.

Overcrowding, poor ventilation, and a lack of heating and natural light are among the factors severely impacting the health and dignity of migrants and asylum seekers locked up in Greece, the aid agency said as it launched a new report entitled "Invisible Suffering" in Athens.

MSF called on Greek and European Union officials to stop ignoring the physical and mental impact of "prolonged and systematic detention".

Many inmates complain of anxiety and depression, "while it is not uncommon for desperate migrants to go on hunger strike, to self-harm and even to attempt suicide," the report said.

Respiratory difficulties, intestinal and muscular problems, and skin conditions are also frequently reported.

The conditions for migrants in Greece, the leading entry point for desperate migrants trying to enter the European Union, have been frequently criticised by international observers such as MSF and Human Rights Watch.

Eat more fresh fruit and veg, Britons told in health study



LONDON (AFP) - Britons should eat seven portions of fresh fruit and vegetables a day, according to new research into healthy eating, published on Tuesday.

The state-run National Health Service currently recommends each person eats five 80-gramme (three-ounce) helpings of fruit and vegetables daily.

But researchers at University College London (UCL) found that eating seven portions or more could reduce the risk of dying from cancer by 25 percent and of heart disease by 31 percent compared to people who consume less than one portion of fruit or vegetables a day.

The researchers found that eating frozen and canned fruit increased the risk of death by 17 percent compared to those who ate less than a portion a day.

In an email exchange with AFP, Oyeboade cautioned that the relative benefits for Britons may not be the same in other countries with a healthier diet.

She added she was "very surprised" by the findings about frozen and canned fruit and said further research was needed to explain it.

"This is the first time that such an association has been

found," she said. The study took into account various lifestyle factors like smoking and drinking which drive up the risk of illness and early death.

"Most canned fruit contains high sugar levels and cheaper varieties are packed in syrup rather than fruit juice. The negative health impacts of the sugar may well outweigh any benefits," Oyeboade said.

Britain has one of the highest rates of heart disease in Europe, with a diet high in fat and sugar considered one of the major factors.

Guinea's Ebola victims wait for death

GUECKEDOU (AFP) - Isolated from the outside world in a medical centre in Ebola-hit southern Guinea, victims of one of the deadliest viruses known to mankind wait listlessly for the merciful release of death.

The makeshift clinic in Gueckedou, a market city of 220,000 people near the Liberia and Sierra Leone borders, is on the front line of



Guinea's increasingly desperate struggle to contain one of the worst outbreaks of haemorrhagic fever in history.

The medical charity Doctors Without Borders, commonly known by its French initials MSF, has set up two corrugated iron buildings in a tent village, currently with 20 beds, and a capacity for 50 patients.

One of the buildings houses suspected cases, while in the other medics care for patients confirmed to have Ebola, including two who died on Monday.

Rose, aged 12, has been among the suspected cases for six days but has just tested positive for Ebola and is being moved to join her mother and aunt in the other building where the prospect of making it out alive is rather more grim.

It is rare for the worst

strains of Ebola to leave behind survivors -- as many as nine in 10 of those infected in previous outbreaks have died -- and the epidemic has claimed at least 80 lives across Guinea since the start of the year.

Patients suffer a particularly unpleasant death, succumbing to severe fever and muscle pain before their organs break down.

In the worst cases the agony is accompanied by profuse, unstoppable internal and external bleeding.

"Rose will probably die soon and then it will definitely be my turn," sobbed Ren, 18, a family member admitted to the suspect cases building two days ago.

Five strains of Ebola -- four of them deadly to humans -- have been observed since the first outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo in 1976.



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Mexico celebrates Octavio Paz 100 years after birth

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico paid tribute to poet and essayist Octavio Paz on Monday, honoring the late Nobel literature prize laureate on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

President Enrique Pena Nieto, speaking at a ceremony at the ornate Vasconcelos Library in Mexico City, hailed Paz as "the most clear, complete and brilliant Mexican mind of the 20th century."

The author of "The Labyrinth of Solitude," his 1950 seminal essay on the history, culture and psyche of Mexico and its people, was eulogized in an event that included other Nobel winners, including France's Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio and

Nigeria's Wole Soyinka.

The founder of the magazines Plural and Vuelta was a firm defender of democracy, said Pena Nieto, whose Institutional Revolutionary Party was known for its authoritarian ways while in power for most of the 20th century.

Paz defied the PRI when he resigned as ambassador to India following the military's massacre of student protesters in Mexico City in 1968. Officials say dozens were killed, while activists claimed hundreds of deaths.

Born in Mexico City on March 31, 1914, Paz died in the capital in 1998. Exhibits and forums have taken place in his honor in the past week, along with the publication of new editions of his works.

'Godfather' of house music Frankie Knuckles dead at 59

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Frankie Knuckles, a pioneer of house music who also mixed records for the likes of Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston, has died at the age of 59, news reports said early Tuesday.

The death of a man dubbed the "godfather" of Chicago house music was confirmed by his longtime business partner, Frederick Dunson, the Chicago Tribune reported. Dunson said Knuckles died unexpectedly at home.

The cause of death for Knuckles, who over the weekend deejayed at the Ministry of Sounds' club in London, was not immediately known. Dunson said more details on the death would be released later on Tuesday.

Besides developing the sound and culture of house music, Knuckles mixed records for performers including Houston, Jackson and Depeche Mode, the Tribune said.

After learning to be a club DJ in New York, Knuckles moved to Chicago in the late



1970s and forged fame as one of the city's most influential dance music forces.

He came to the city just as disco was dying out, a trend underscored when a local deejay Steve Dahl blew up hundreds of disco albums.

Knuckles would extend mixes of soul and R&B records and turn them into dance tracks, introduce new singles being produced by fledgling house artists and incorporate drum machines to emphasize the beat, the Tribune said.

Also, he would create theater-of-the-mind scenarios

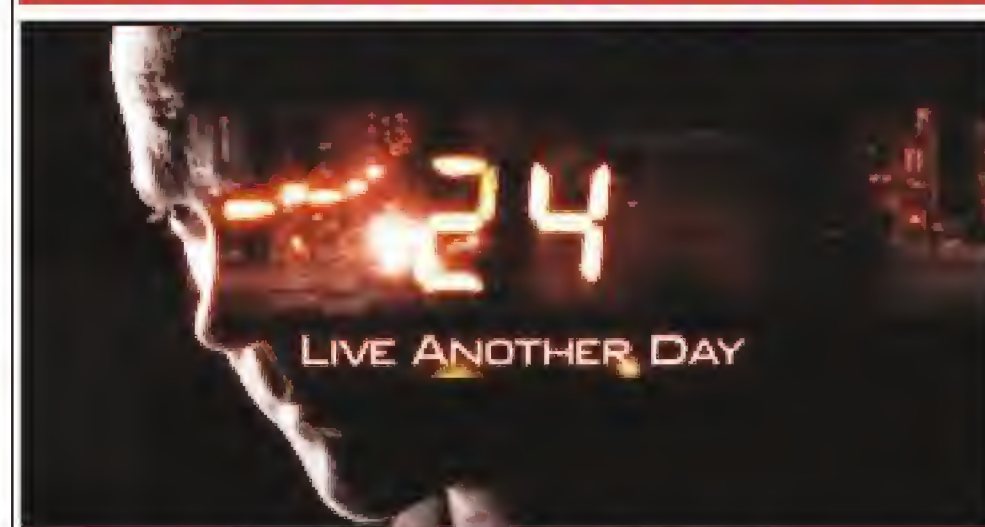
with creative sound and lighting.

"Sometimes I'd shut down all the lights and set up a record where it would sound like a speeding train was about to crash into the club. People would lose their minds," the Tribune said.

By the late '80s, Knuckles and many of his peers were stars in Europe's emerging rave scene.

Knuckles joked that he could walk down the street in Chicago and not be recognized, yet be mobbed by upon arriving at European airports for DJ gigs.

Amazon snags streaming rights to action series '24'



NEW YORK (AFP) - Amazon announced Tuesday it had secured the online streaming rights for the US action hit "24" starring Kiefer Sutherland. The online giant said it struck a deal with Twentieth Century Fox Television Distribution to be "the exclusive online-only subscription home for streaming all 192 episodes of the award-winning series." The news comes with Amazon ramping up its battle against video giants like Netflix and Hulu. Amazon is set to announce an update for its video offerings today. The program with Sutherland as agent Jack Bauer won a Golden Globe and an Emmy. It ran eight seasons, with each episode depicting a 24-hour period in which Bauer races against the clock to thwart political assassination attempts and multiple terror plots. Amazon this week also announced it was adding six original programs to its video service, including its own science fiction TV series and detective program based on writings of best-selling crime author Michael Connelly.

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Belgian 'crown' ready to knock US migraines on the head

BRUSSELS (AFP) - A small technology company based in southern Belgium is set to take on the giant US market with its crowning achievement: an anti-migraine headband.

The product of years of medical and technological research, the device is a diadem fitted with electrodes designed to take the edge off migraines before they develop into acute blinding pain.

Migraine, a deep headache which develops behind the eyes and can last for days, is estimated to stalk to some degree the lives of about one in seven adults around the world, World Health Organization data shows.

It appears to be less common in the Far East, but overall affects up to three times more women than men owing to differences in hormonal activity.

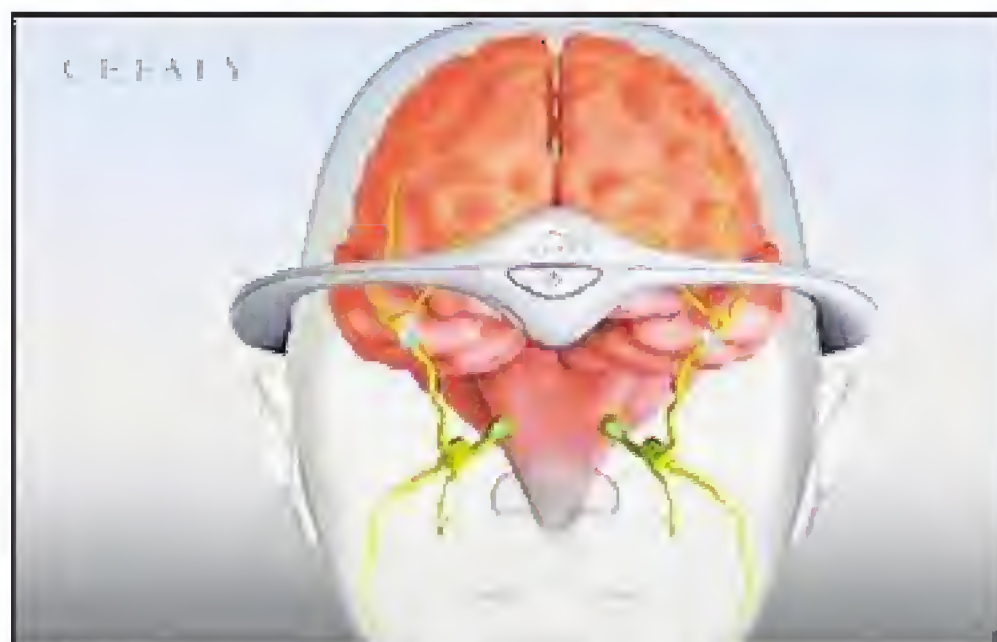
The band, developed by the Belgian company Cefaly Technology, is worn across the forehead, and sends electric currents to facial nerves.

Although the device is not a cure for severe headaches, the manufacturers believe it could stop the transition from "episodic" migraines to the more severe "chronic" category.

The WHO says that migraine is one of the top 20 causes of disability in terms of years of healthy life lost.

The battery-powered headband, which was given the green-light by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in March, will be the first device with this design available in the United States.

According to Cefaly Tech-



nology's managing director Pierre Rigaux, while the headband is already on the European market, the long-awaited FDA approval will open the way to a 25-percent boost in sales over the next five years.

The device will hit the US market at a time when medical experts are putting more trust in non-pharmaceutical responses to migraines.

Giles Elrington, the medical director of the National Migraine Centre, a British charity research centre, said that techniques targeting the patient's head, in contrast to the use of drugs affecting the whole body, will be a "huge area of development in coming years."

Such stories are common in Europe's medical technology industry which is being driven by small businesses.

According to data compiled by MedTech Europe, an alliance of Europe's medical technology industry associations, the sector employed more than 575,000 people in 2012, and comprised almost 25,000 medical technology companies in the EU.

The United States accounts for 41 percent of the European medical technology ex-

port market, with China a distant second at 10 percent and Japan third, at seven percent.

The figures show the importance to small companies of obtaining FDA approval for those products which require it.

One of the creators of the migraine headband told the AFP that international technological developments in the field mean that "the course had been set" for the use of electrical stimulation to treat a number of pathologies, including headaches and insomnia.

Before the FDA approval, Cefaly Technology's short-term prospects in Europe had been reasonable, with 80,000 anti-migraine devices sold before 2009, but its turnover was only 3.0 million euros (\$4.13 million) for 2013.

That has now changed: the small company, based outside the town of Liege and with just 10 employees, expects to sell 10,000 units a month in the US market.

Germany is by far Europe's leading exporter of medical technology, however statistics suggest smaller countries Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland and Switzerland, are punching above their weight.

Did microbes cause mass extinction?



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Volcanoes and asteroids are sometimes blamed for wiping out nearly all life on Earth 252 million years ago, but US research Monday suggested a more small-time criminal: microbes. These microbes, known as Methanosarcina, bloomed in the ocean on a massive and sudden scale, spewing methane into the atmosphere and causing dramatic changes in the chemistry of the oceans and the Earth's climate, according to the new theory put forth by scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and colleagues in China. Scientists studied sediments in rock formations in south China, seeking to explain why the end Permian extinction happened and what caused the largest of five major death events in Earth's history to reap so much destruction over tens of thousands of years. Volcanic eruptions on their own could not explain why the die-off happened so fast, but they may have released extra nickel into the environment, which fed the microbes, said MIT researcher Gregory Fournier. "A rapid initial injection of carbon dioxide from a volcano would be followed by a gradual decrease," said Fournier. "Instead, we see the opposite: a rapid, continuing increase," he added. "That suggests a microbial expansion." Microbes can increase carbon production exponentially, which might explain the speed and potency of the mass extinction, he said. The research, funded by the US space agency NASA, the National Science Foundation, the National Science Foundation of China and the National Basic Research Program of China, appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a peer reviewed US journal.

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ECB: No deflation prospects' in Europe

ATHENS (AFP) - A senior official said yesterday that the European Central Bank sees "no deflation prospects" despite the latest data showing eurozone inflation dropping to the lowest level in over four years.

"We see no deflation prospects," ECB vice president Vitor Constancio told reporters during a Eurogroup meeting in Athens.

Eurostat said Monday that eurozone inflation fell to 0.5 percent in March, the lowest rate since October 2009 at the height of the financial crisis, raising concerns about the dangers of deflation, or falling prices.

Some analysts have argued the data increases pressure on the ECB to act when its monetary policy committee holds its monthly meeting

on Thursday.

ECB officials have pledged action to prevent a dangerous cycle of deflation from setting in, and in addition to lowering the key "refi" refinancing rate at an all-time low of 0.25 percent the central bank has other measures it could take.

Deflation is a worry because if consumers believe prices will fall they put off purchases, which forces companies to delay investment, hitting salaries and jobs, and so setting up a vicious downward circle.

However, Constancio insisted that the ECB, which sees its mandate of maintaining price stability as keeping annual inflation at just below 2.0 percent, does not see prices falling further.

"We expect that the low

figure of inflation in March will be corrected in April," he said.

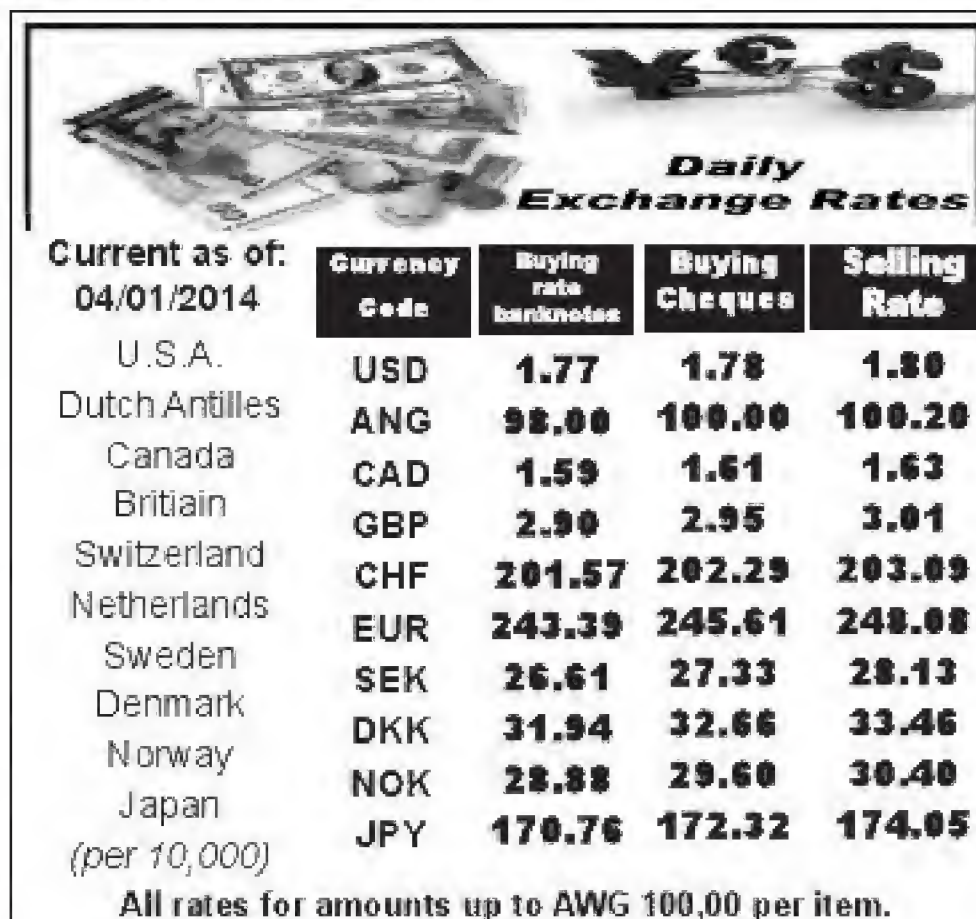
In a later tweet, ECB spokesman Peter Ehrlich added: "Low inflation (is a) cause of concern but we do not have deflation."

Constancio acknowledged price drops, most recently in Spain where consumer prices fell at an annual rate of 0.2 percent in March.

But he cautioned against rushing to conclusions.

"We should not draw immediate conclusions about inflation in Spain," he said.

The eurozone is in a period of "soft" recovery and provided that downsides do not materialise, "recovery will draw inflation upwards including in Spain," Constancio said.



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Britain GBP	2.90	2.95	3.01
Switzerland CHF	201.57	202.29	203.09
Netherlands EUR	243.39	245.61	248.08
Sweden SEK	26.61	27.33	28.13
Denmark DKK	31.94	32.66	33.46
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Drummond resumes coal shipments from Colombia

BOGOTA (AFP) - US mining company Drummond has resumed coal exports from Colombia, ending a three-month suspension ordered by the government after a 500 ton shipment sank in the Caribbean.

The company said yesterday it had resumed shipments after a \$350 million dollar upgrade of its Caribbean port facility in northern Colombia.

Drummond is Colombia's second largest coal producer, according to 2012 statistics.

The South American country exports nearly 95 percent of its coal production, which amounted to 85.5 million tons last year.

In January, Colombia's Environment Ministry ordered the Birmingham, Alabama-based company to stop shipping coal until it changed its system for loading barges.

The action was prompted by the sinking a year earlier

of a barge carrying 500 tons of coal.

Drummond's port was shut down unexpectedly in January after tighter environmental laws took effect which the facility was not ready to comply with, briefly driving up prices for coal in Europe where most of Colombia's exports are consumed.

The mining company has cut its production forecast for 2014 to 25 million to 26 million tonnes, down from a previous forecast of 30 million tonnes. On March 12, Drummond's chief executive for Colombia said the port would reopen before the end of March.

Cargoes for delivery in April to the ports of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Antwerp (ARA) were trading at \$74.75 per ton, down \$0.45 from yesterday's settlement.

AFP picture shows camels at a water point near Wajir, Kenya. Across Kenya, the pastoral livestock sector is valued at around 5 billion dollars (3.5 billion euros). Organisers -- backed by some six million dollars (4.5 million euros) from Australia, Britain and the European Commission -- hope it can strengthen the ability of fragile communities across the region to cope in drought, and reduce reliance on food aid.



US suit alleges 12 banks colluded in huge forex market

NEW YORK (AFP) - A dozen banking giants have been sued in New York for allegedly fixing global foreign exchange rates in the latest ripple to accompany government probes of the huge market.

The defendants in the class-action lawsuit, which include BNP Paribas and JP-

Morgan Chase, shared confidential information during private online chat sessions to collude and fix trades on the key WM/Reuters foreign exchange rate, which is set each afternoon in London, according to a complaint filed yesterday.

The conspiracy "impacted the pricing of trillions of dollars' worth of FX Instruments, inflicting severe financial harm on Plaintiffs and members of the Class," the complaint said.

The complaint did not quantify the losses, calling the impact of the rate-fixing "presently undetermined."

The other defendants in the case are: Bank of America, Barclays, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, Morgan Stanley, RBS and UBS.

A dozen plaintiffs are in the class-action suit, which amends and expands a November 2013 suit against seven banks filed by Haverhill Retirement System of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

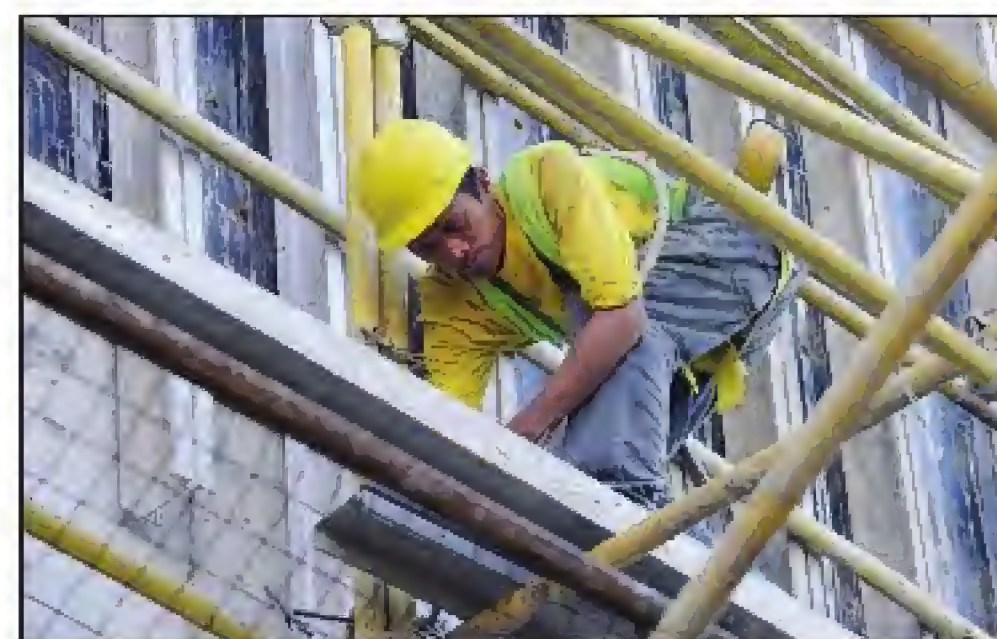
The 11 plaintiffs that joined the original lawsuit yesterday include Aureus Currency Fund, a California investment fund, the City of Philadelphia and the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System.

Defendants in the case are "dominant" dealers in foreign exchange, with about 84 percent of market share with transactions worth some \$5.3 trillion per day.

The suit comes as regulators in the United States, the European Union, Britain and other venues launch probes of foreign exchange market manipulation.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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MANILA : AFP photo shows a labourer working on a building construction site in suburban Manila, the Philippines, on April 1, 2014. The Asian Development Bank on April 1 said growth in developing Asia will edge higher over the next two years, but faces being constrained by China's campaign to cool its economy. (AFP PHOTO)

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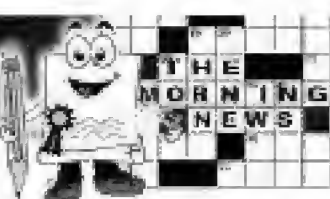
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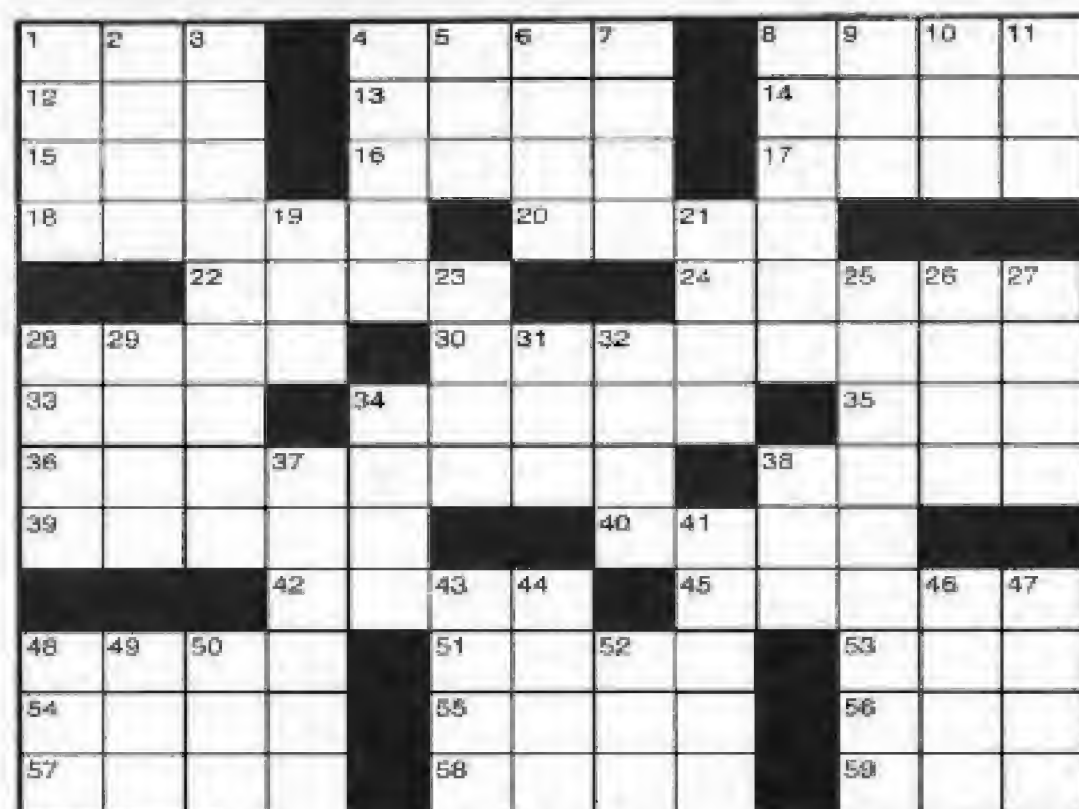
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19. ___ and about
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23. Development tract
25. Interpret
26. Lean
27. Abominable Snowman
28. Pops
29. Actor Alda
31. Timetable abbr.
32. Take a breather
34. Lodge brothers
37. Nile boats
38. Gorilla, e.g.
41. Bed covering
43. Contended
44. Small opening
46. Walk tiredly
47. Matched collections
48. Deli sandwich, for short
49. Untruth
50. Movie-at-home format (abbr.)
52. Penpoint

ACROSS

1. Author Stevenson's monogram
4. Cherrystone, e.g.
8. Ointment
12. Promissory note
13. Cheek's neighbor
14. "Tell Mama" singer James
15. Crowd
16. French islands
17. Prospector's bonanza
18. ___ salts
20. Type of ethnic cuisine
22. Oscar winner Gooding, Jr.
24. J. Paul ___
28. Pub arrow
30. Happy-go-lucky
33. MacGraw or Larter
34. Went astray
35. Toiling insect
36. Amateurs
38. "Just You ___" (2 wds.)
39. Approach stealthily
40. Three make a tbsp.
42. Invitation inits.
45. Gives support to
48. Skyscraper, e.g. (abbr.)
51. Actress Skye
53. Brewer's product
54. Reside
55. Cleveland's lake

DOWN

1. "The ___ of the Ancient Mariner"
2. Chicago district
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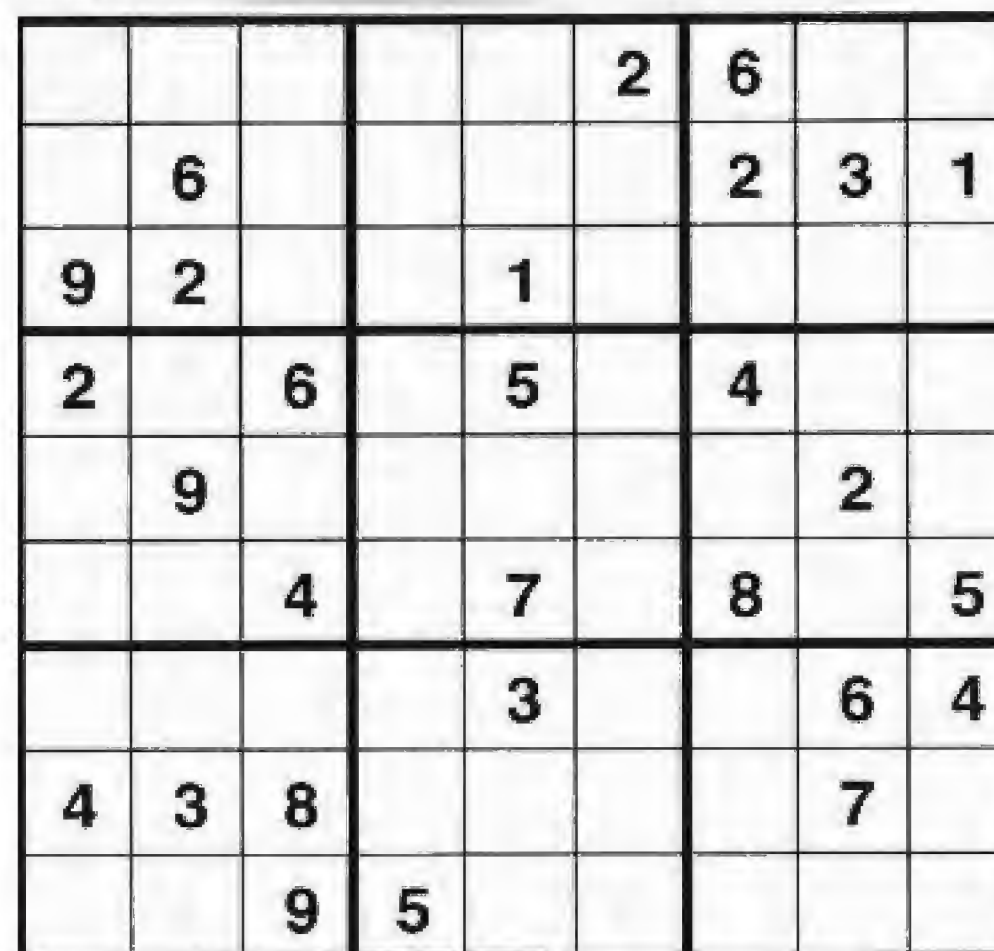
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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the ac-



tion, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba con-

tributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area also to house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Mama Luisa hard at work in the kitchen

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gular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare. So don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

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Bahrain opposition calls F1 Grand Prix protests

DUBAI (AFP) - Bahrain's influential Shiite opposition bloc Al-Wefaq and a more radical group have called separate rallies for Friday to protest the weekend staging of the Formula One Grand Prix in Manama.

Demonstrations have been held during the three-day Grand Prix event every year since 2011 by opponents of the ruling Sunni Al-Khalifa dynasty in an attempt to highlight pro-reform demands.

The protests, which first erupted in the wake of a Shiite-led uprising in February 2011, have at times been marred by violence but the race has never been affected.

They are mainly staged in Shiite villages surrounding Manama and away from the Sakhir F1 circuit in the capital's south.

The Bahrain Grand Prix practice sessions begin on Friday ahead of Sunday's race.

Al-Wefaq in a Tuesday statement urged its supporters to hold a rally on the main Budaya highway, four kilometres (2.5 miles) west of Manama, which links several Shiite villages.

Al-Wefaq's peaceful rallies are usually tolerated by the authorities and rarely end with clashes.

But protests by supporters of radical cyber-group the February 14 Revolution Youth Coalition are more violent and often end with clashes between police and demonstrators armed with petrol bombs.

The February 14 group, accused by authorities of links to Shiite-majority Iran, called on its Facebook page for demonstrations Friday in the Al-Seef Junction area, west of Manama, under the slogan: "Stop the blood formula."

Protests in Shiite villages surrounding Manama began this week, with witnesses reporting masked demonstrators staging rallies chanting "No, no to Formula 1" and "Down Hamad," in reference to the king.

The rallies have been broken up by police firing tear gas and stun grenades, with protesters hurling petrol bombs and throwing stones, according to witnesses.

Public security chief General Tariq Hasan said Tuesday the authorities have taken "all measures and plans" to secure the April 4-6 Formula One event.

Amnesty International raised concerns on Tuesday of a crackdown ahead of the Grand Prix.

Pistorius will not be first defence witness: lawyer

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Paralympian star Oscar Pistorius is not expected to be the first defence witness to take the stand when his murder trial resumes next week, one of his lawyers said on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old sprinter, a double amputee known as the "Blade Runner", is accused of killing his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day last year.

The defence will begin to present its case at a Pretoria court on Monday. While the law states that the accused

must be the defence's first witness if he chooses to take the stand, it is now expected that lawyers will ask for forensics expert Jan Botha to be allowed to testify before Pistorius.

Pistorius has denied the murder charge, saying he mistook Steenkamp for an intruder.

The star athlete has to explain why he fired four shots at the model and aspiring television actress through a locked toilet door, and undermine prosecutors' argument that her death was premeditated murder.

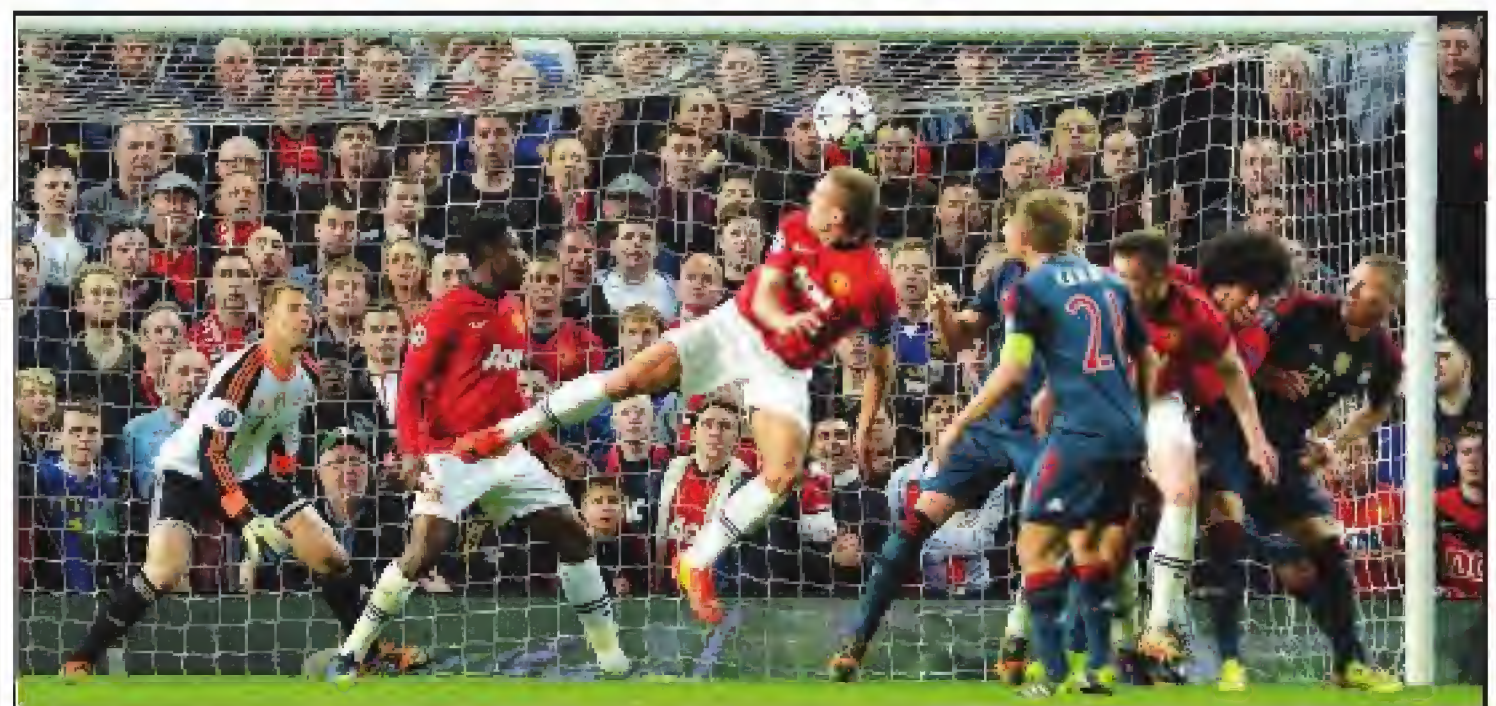
tated murder.

It will be the first time he speaks in public since the killing, besides pleading "not guilty, milady", and the occasional "yes, milady" to Judge Thokozile Masipa during his trial.

Pistorius does not have to testify, but his defence team has indicated it believes it will be in his interest to explain the night's events.

The trial, which had been adjourned for more than a week because a senior court official was ill, is now slated to run to at least mid-May.

FOOTBALL:



Bayern held by resurgent Man United

MANCHESTER (AFP) - Under-performing Manchester United produced a vastly improved display to hold defending champions Bayern Munich to a 1-1 draw in the home leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday. Bayern midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger cancelled out Nemanja Vidic's opener, but was then sent off in the dying stages to give United extra hope ahead of next week's return leg in Munich. With Bayern having already successfully defended their Bundesliga title and United floundering domestically, the English champions were given little chance of success in the first leg, but they turned in a laudably dogged performance on a night that stirred old passions at Old Trafford. Ten points below the Premier League's top four, United probably need to win the Champions League to qualify for next season's competition, but their courageous display suggested that that may not be as fanciful a notion as previously thought. The draw also prevented Bayern from setting a new Champions League record of eight successive away wins, but Pep Guardiola's side will nonetheless be the favourites to progress ahead of the return game in Munich.



Barca, Atletico play out first-leg draw

BARCELONA (AFP) - Barcelona had to come from behind to draw 1-1 against Atletico Madrid in the first leg of their all-Spanish Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday. A brilliant strike from Diego Ribas, on for the injured Diego Costa, stunned the Camp Nou and gave Atletico the lead, and a precious away goal, on 56 minutes. Neymar levelled for Barca on 71 minutes but the Catalans couldn't find the winner and Atletico hold the upper hand heading into next week's return.

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Boston Red Sox, 2013 World Series champions honored at the White House



WASHINGTON - The Boston Red Sox celebrated their World Series championship with President Barack Obama at the White House on Tuesday. The Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in six games last fall. It was their first championship win at home in 95 years. Their 2004 and 2007 titles were won on the road. "All the wins were sweet for Red Sox fans, but I think for the nation as a whole there was something about this particular squad that was special and will go down in history -- not just because they went from worst to first, but because they symbolized the grit and the resilience of America's -- one of America's iconic cities during one of its most difficult moments," Obama said. Last fall's victory came six months after the Boston Marathon bombings and at the end of a season in which the team hadn't been considered a favorite for a title. "It's pretty special. That's the goal every year -- to go the White House next season. It's going to be fun to just take it all in. An exciting time," Dustin Pedroia said. Obama said the Red Sox win was "therapeutic medicine for the whole city" and an "amazing". "I love this country," Ortiz also tweeted during the Red Sox's private tour of the White House prior to the ceremony on the South Lawn on Tuesday morning. Immediately afterward, Red Sox players and coaches and manager John Farrell headed to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to visit with wounded veterans. After the ceremony, as Obama walked back to his office, he had a quick answer for a question called out from the media contingent. "White Sox next year," he said.

Aruba's Colegio San Antonio is champion



ORANJESTAD - Last week the second half of the 2014 Interinsular Games took place in Curacao. Indoor Football is one of the games played among schools that were classified to represent their island. The young people of the Aruba San Antonio Colegio as 2013-2014 champions went to Curacao to represent

Aruba. They were part of the delegation under the guidance and leadership of Jacqueline Ponson van Putten of IBiSA. Also travelling with them were coach Eugemine Ignacio and Ronald Gomez of the school.

On Friday they held a march of the Aruba and Bonaire delegations and welcomed all participants to the

games. Curacao participated with 2 schools, Colegio Alejandro Paula and Sint Jozef School. The games were won with 9 goals to 2 in favor of the Colegio Alejandro Paula.

The games continued on Saturday at the SDK playing field. The first game was between Bonaire and Colegio San Antonio of Aruba. The Bonaire team was, as usual, a very strong competitor. However, Aruba ended up winning the game with a score of 4 to 3.

Later on Colegio Alejandro Paula was poised to confront Aruba's Colegio San Antonio. This, reportedly, was a very interesting game to watch as youngsters demonstrated skill and technique. The game ended up with a score of 6 to 7 in favor of Colegio San Antonio.

At the end of the day with all games played, the points



were checked and Colegio San Antonio of Aruba resulted in being the champion of the indoor football games. Colegio Alejandro Paula of Curacao came out in second place and the Bonaire school in third place. Each team received their medals and trophy. The prize for the most valuable player went to Jesus Penate of the Colegio San Antonio. Jesus Penate received much praise from all the players and coaches.

These games created much friendship and comradery between the young people from the different islands. This is also one of the goals of IBiSA in organizing sports activities between the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. Another goal is to keep our young people active in sports, to learn to share, have discipline. IBiSA congratulates Aruba's Colegio San Antonio for their masterful performance in Curacao.

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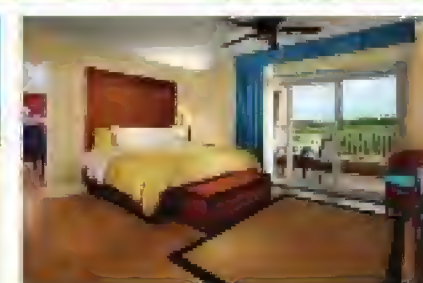
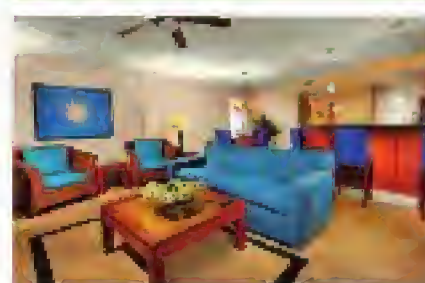
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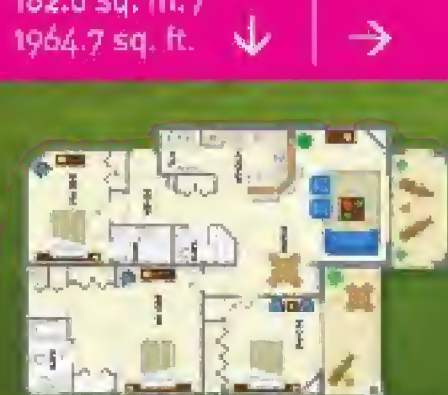
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Eight Taekwondo Schools participated in Championship



ORANJESTAD - Last Saturday Aruba Taekwondo Foundation held their National Anthem and Flag Championship at the Caiqueto Club. A total of 58 athletes participated in the poomsea and fighting championship. Marilu de Veer, President of the Foundation opened the championship with words of welcome to all present, which was followed with the singing of the Aruba anthem.

Club Caiqueto was jam packed with fans that came to support their favorite athlete. The games began with the poomsea, with Crotalus Taekwondo Center winning all the poomsea matches. Fighting continued with children from 6 years up to the adults. The Taekwondo level on Aruba is progressing well, according to the organizers. There were many surprises during this competition. There were 18 pools and the best fighters and best team was chosen.

